

73A God Loveth The Righteous

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1. ¹God lov - eth the right - eous, His good - ness is sure,
 2. ³The wick - ed are pros - pered and firm in their strength,
 3. ⁶In gar - ments of boast - ing and vi - o - lence decked,
 4. ¹⁰De - spis - ing God's peo - ple, they cause them to drain
 5. ¹²The wick - ed, grown weal - thy, have com - fort and peace,

He nev - er for - sak - eth the good and the pure;
 4No pangs do they suf - fer, though death come at length;
 7With wealth more a - bun - dant than heart could ex - pect,
 The cup of op - pres - sion, in - just - ice, and pain;
 14While I, dai - ly chast - ened, see trou - bles in - crease,

2Yet once my faith fal - tered, I en - vied the proud,
 5They are not in trou - ble as oth - er men are,
 8They scoff, and the help - less they proud - ly op - press,
 11They ques - tion God's know - ledge and bold - ly de - fy
 15And, wrong - ing God's child - ren, I cried in my pain,

In doubt and dis - qui - et my spir - it was bowed.
 The plagues of their fel - lows they view from a - far.
 9The heav'ns and the earth they as - sume to pos - sess.
 The might and the jus - tice of God the Most High.
 13That clean hands are worth - less and pure hearts are vain.

6. ¹⁶I went to God's temple: my doubts were dispelled,
The end of life's journey I clearly beheld;
 ¹⁸I saw in what peril ungodly men stand
 ¹⁹With sudden destruction and ruin at hand.
7. ²⁰As when one awaking forgetteth his dream,
So God will despise them, though great they may seem;
 ²¹My envy was senseless, my grief was for nought,
 ²²Because I was faithless, and foolish my thought.
8. ²³In doubt and temptation I rest, Lord, in Thee;
My hand is in Thy hand, Thou carest for me;
 ²⁴My soul with Thy counsel thro' life Thou wilt guide,
And afterward make me in glory abide.
9. ²⁵In glory Thou only my portion shall be,
On earth for none other I long but for Thee;
 ²⁶My flesh and heart falter, but God is my stay,
The strength of my spirit, my portion for aye.
10. ²⁷All they that forsake Thee must perish and die,
But near to my Saviour most blessed am I;
 ²⁸I make Thee my refuge, my Lord and my GOD;
Thy grace and Thy glory I publish abroad.