

Psalm 17

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Genevan Psalter, 1551
harm. Claude Goudimel, 1564

1. O LORD, hear Thou my right - eous cause;
2. LORD, Thou hast probed and tried my heart,
3. I took the paths marked out by Thee
4. LORD, as the ap - ple of Thine eye
5. They like the li - on crave their prey.
6. But I, when I a - wake, shall see

I come with fer - vent pleas be - fore Thee.
And Thou by night dost test and weigh me.
So that I would not slip or wa - ver.
Keep Thou me, with Thy care pro - vide me.
A - rise, O LORD! Thy pow - er show them
Thy face in righ - teous - ness and glo - ry;

With blame - less lips do I im - plore Thee
Thou find - est when Thou dost as - say me
I call on Thee, I seek Thy fa - vor,
Be - neath Thy wings, O Sa - viour hide me
And draw Thy sword to o - ver - throw them;
O with Thy like - ness then be - fore me,

To res - cue one who loves Thy laws.
That I in e - vil take no part;
For Thou, O God, wilt an - swer me;
From dead - ly foes when they draw nigh.
With Thy right hand snatch me a - way.
How rich and full my joy shall be! (end of verse 6)

same tune: 63, 70

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(1.) I look to Thee for vin - di - ca - tion;
 (2.) My mouth does not com - mit trans - gres - sion.
 (3.) In - cline Thine ear to me and hear me.
 (4.) They close their hearts to all com - pas - sion
 (5.) Save me from those whose on - ly mea - sure

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Show forth Thy judg - ment, heed my plight,
 As for the works of wick - ed men,
Show forth, O LORD, from heaven a - bove,
And ut - ter boast - ful van - i - ty.
 Is this life's por - tion, no - thing more.

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And let Thine eye see what is right.
 Thy word has kept me far from sin,
The won - ders of Thy stead - fast love,
They track me down, sur - round - ing me
 O gorge them with Thy am - ple store

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O lis - ten to my sup - pli - ca - tion!
 From ways of vio - lence and op - pres - sion.
Thou Shield of all who trust and fear Thee.
Till I should yield to their op - pres - sion.
 And let their off - spring share such trea - sure.