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(22) For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.  
 (23) For all his judgments *were* before me: and *as for* his statutes, I did not depart from them.  
 (24) I was also upright before him, and have kept myself from mine iniquity.  
 (25) Therefore the LORD hath recompensed me according to my righteousness; according to my cleanness in his eye sight.  
 (26) With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful, *and* with the upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright.  
 (27) With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself unsavoury.  
 (28) And the afflicted people thou wilt save: but thine eyes *are* upon the haughty, *that* thou mayest bring *them* down.  
 (29) For thou *art* my lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness.  
 (30) For by thee I have run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall.  
 (31) *As for* God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD *is* tried: he *is* a buckler to all them that trust in him.

(22) Because I have kept the ways of the LORD {Jehovah}, and have not wickedly departed from my God.  
 (23) Because all His judgments *were* before me: and *as for* His laws, I did not depart from them.  
 (24) I was also upright before Him, and have kept myself from my sin.  
 (25) Therefore the LORD {Jehovah} has repaid me according to my righteousness; according to my cleanness in His eye sight.  
 (26) With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful, *and* with the upright man You will show Yourself upright.  
 (27) With the pure You will show Yourself pure; and with the perverse You will show Yourself distasteful.  
 (28) And the afflicted people You will save: but Your eyes *are* upon the proud, *that* You may bring *them* down.  
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(32) For who is God, save the LORD? and who is a rock, save our God?  
(33) God is my strength *and* power: and he maketh my way perfect.  
(34) He maketh my feet like hinds' *feet*: and setteth me upon my high places.  
(35) He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.  
(36) Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath made me great.  
(37) Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; so that my feet did not slip.  
(38) I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them.  
(39) And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise: yea, they are fallen under my feet.  
(40) For thou hast girded me with strength to battle: them that rose up against me hast thou subdued under me.  
(41) Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me.  
(42) They looked, but *there was* none to save; *even* unto the LORD, but he answered them not.

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(32) Because who is God, except the LORD {Jehovah}? and who is a rock, except our God?  
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(43) Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth, I did stamp them as the mire of the street, *and* did spread them abroad.

(44) Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings of my people, thou hast kept me *to be* head of the heathen: a people *which* I knew not shall serve me.

(45) Strangers shall submit themselves unto me: as soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me.

(46) Strangers shall fade away, and they shall be afraid out of their close places.

(47) The LORD liveth; and blessed *be* my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.

(48) *It is* God that avengeth me, and that bringeth down the people under me,

(49) And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies: thou also hast lifted me up on high above them that rose up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

(50) Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name.

(51) *He is* the tower of salvation for his king: and sheweth mercy to his anointed, unto David, and to his seed for evermore.

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**Chapter 23**

(1) Now these *be* the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man *who was* raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,

(2) The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word *was* in my tongue.

(3) The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men *must be* just, ruling in the fear of God.

(4) And *he shall be* as the light of the morning, *when* the sun riseth, *even* a morning without clouds; *as* the tender grass *springing* out of the earth by clear shining after rain.

(5) Although my house *be* not so with God; yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all *things*, and sure: for *this is* all my salvation, and all *my* desire, although he make *it* not to grow.

(6) But *the sons* of Belial *shall be* all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands:

(7) But the man *that* shall touch them must be fenced with iron and the staff of a spear; and they shall be utterly burned with fire in the *same* place.

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(6) But *the sons* of Belial {wickedness}, all of them, *shall be* as thorns thrown away, because they cannot be taken with hands:

(7) But the man *who* shall touch them must be fenced with iron and the staff of a spear; and they shall be completely burned with fire in the *same* place.

23:3a – fear of God – reverence – deep respect for God