

¹Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the LORD, concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite. O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:²Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.³O LORD my God, if I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands;⁴If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy:)⁵Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it ; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. Selah.⁶Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commanded.⁷So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about: for their sakes therefore return thou on high.⁸The LORD shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me.⁹Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.¹⁰My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.¹¹God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.¹²If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.¹³He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.¹⁴Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.¹⁵He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch

which he made.¹⁶ His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.¹⁷ I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.