

¹A Prayer of David. Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.²Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.³Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.⁴Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.⁵Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.⁶I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.⁷Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them.⁸Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me

under the shadow of thy wings,⁹From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about.¹⁰They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.¹¹They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth;¹²Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.¹³Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword:¹⁴From men which are thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure : they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes.¹⁵As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.