

<sup>1</sup>Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?<sup>2</sup>The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.<sup>3</sup>For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth.<sup>4</sup>The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God : God is not in all his thoughts.<sup>5</sup>His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.<sup>6</sup>He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I shall never be in adversity.<sup>7</sup>His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity.<sup>8</sup>He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.<sup>9</sup>He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.<sup>10</sup>He croucheth, and humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.<sup>11</sup>He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see it .<sup>12</sup>Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.<sup>13</sup>Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it .<sup>14</sup>Thou hast seen it ; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.<sup>15</sup>Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man : seek out his wickedness till thou find none.<sup>16</sup>The LORD is King for ever and ever: the

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heathen are perished out of his land.<sup>17</sup> LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:<sup>18</sup> To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.