

¹A Psalm of David. Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:²My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.³LORD, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!⁴Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away.⁵Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.⁶Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.⁷Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children;⁸Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.⁹I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a

psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.¹⁰It is he that giveth salvation unto kings: who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.¹¹Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood:¹²That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:¹³That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:¹⁴That our oxen may be strong to labour; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets.¹⁵Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea , happy is that people, whose God is the LORD.