

## PSALM 17

**H**ear the just O Lord, hearken to my shout; listen to my prayer, for no fraud's in my mouth.

- 2 Let pronouncements come forth, out from Your face; let Your eyes gaze, on the things that are straight.
- 3 You've examined my heart, seen me all through the night; proven me pure, my mouth straight in Your sight.
- 4 Regarding man's works, by Your lips I'm kept safe; Your Word hedges me, from their ways full of hate.
- 5 Hold me up keep me fast, in my steps and on track; that my feet never waver, or ever fall back.
- 6 I have called upon You, for You see me O God; stretch out Your ear, and hear when I call.
- 7 Set apart in Your kindness, You Who save with right hand; those who flee for protection, from risings of man.
- 8 Guard me like eye's pupil, from all evil things; and cover me safe, in the shade of Your wings.
- 9 From the face of the wicked, much stronger than me; encircled about, by my bold enemy.
- 10 All shut up they surrender, to riches galore; their mouth speaking haughtily, pride more and more.
- 11 They turn round and round, and follow our steps; they lower their eyes, to the pathways of death.
- 12 As a lion desiring, to pluck at its prey; as a fierce-maned young lion, concealed in the way.
- 13 Rise up Lord come forward, make his face to sink; help my soul escape, from the wicked's sharp sting.
- 14 From men who glide smoothly, with treasure they lade; filled up with sons, leaving wealth to their babes.
- 15 But me I will gaze on, Your face ever just; filled alone when I wake, with the One that I trust.