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***3 a psalm of David when he fled from
Avshalom, his son***

01: Lord, my afflictors multiply!
Many are rising against me.

02: Many declare of my soul,
“No rescue for him in God.”

selah

03: But you are my shield, oh Lord,
my glory, who lifts up my head.

04: I shall cry out loud to the Lord;
he will hear on his holy mountain.

selah

05: I will rest and sink into sleep;
I will wake: the Lord will sustain me.

06: I will not be frightened by thousands
surrounding and set against me.

07: Rise and rescue me, Lord God.
You have struck my foes on the cheek-bone,
shattered the teeth of the wicked.

08: Salvation comes from the Lord,
your blessing unto your people.

selah

4 to the choirmaster: with stringed instruments, a psalm of David

- 01: Hear my entreaty, God of justice.
You widened my way in narrow places.
Favor me now. Heed my prayer.
- 02: Kinsmen, how long will my honor be stained?
Will you love vanity, seek out deceit?

selah

- 03: Know that the Lord sets the faithful apart;
the Lord will hear when I call to him.
- 04: Tremble in awe, and sin no more;
search your heart on your couch, and be still.

selah

- 05: Sacrifice rightly and trust in the Lord.
- 06: Many inquire, "Who will show us the good?"
Turn on us, Lord, the light of your face.
- 07: You have gladdened my heart more than you did
in the time when grain and new wine abounded.
- 08: At peace I lie down, at peace I will sleep,
for you alone, Lord, make safe where I dwell.

***5 to the choirmaster: for the flutes, a psalm
of David***

- 01: Give ear to my words, oh Lord;
pay heed to my murmuring;
- 02: attend to the sound of my call:
I pray to my king and my God.
- 03 Lord, you will hear my voice at daybreak;
at daybreak I pray to you, and I watch.
- 04: You are not a god to welcome offenses,
neither shall evil dwell with you.
- 05: The boastful will not abide in your gaze.
You abominate the trouble makers,
- 06: annihilate those who speak with guile.
Lord, you loathe the bloody and false.
- 07: I will enter your house, blessed in abundance,
and bow toward your holy temple with awe.
- 08: Guide me in your righteousness,
oh Lord, and thwart my enemies.
Make straight the way before my face.
- 09: No faith is in their mouth;
their innards are abysmal;
their throat, an open grave;
they flatter with their tongue.
- 10: Hold them to blame, oh God.
Let their own counsel fell them;
expel them for countless crimes,
since they rebelled against you.
- 11: Let those who trust you rejoice
and always shout for joy
because you shelter them.
Let those who love your name
also exult in you.
- 12: Lord, you bless the just:
your favor girds him like a shield.

6 to the choirmaster: with strings, on the eighth, a psalm of David

- 01: Lord, reprove me not in anger;
nor torment me with your wrath.
- 02: Your pardon, God, for I am weak.
Heal me, Lord. My bones are shaken;
- 03: my soul is sorely shaken also.
And you, oh Lord, how long?
- 04: Return, my God; rescue my soul;
preserve me for your mercy's sake.
- 05: In death is no recall of you.
In sheol who will give you thanks?
- 06: My groaning has exhausted me:
I inundate my bed each night
and soak my bolster with my tears.
- 07: My eye has shrunken with my grief,
aged because of all my foes.
- 08: Away, all evil-doers!
The Lord has heard the sound of my weeping;
- 09: the Lord will heed my supplication;
the Lord will carry out my prayer.
- 10: May all my enemies be shamed
and sorely shaken; may they turn back,
instantly ashamed.