

Psalm 140

New King James Version (NKJV)

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To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men;
 Preserve me from violent men,
- 2 Who plan evil things in their hearts;
 They continually gather together for war.
- 3 They sharpen their tongues like a serpent;
 The poison of asps is under their lips. Selah

- 4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked;
 Preserve me from violent men,
 Who have purposed to make my steps stumble.
- 5 The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords;
 They have spread a net by the wayside;
 They have set traps for me. Selah

- 6 I said to the LORD: “You are my God;
 Hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.
- 7 O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation,
 You have covered my head in the day of battle.
- 8 Do not grant, O LORD, the desires of the wicked;
 Do not further his wicked scheme,
 Lest they be exalted. Selah

- 9 “As for the head of those who surround me,
 Let the evil of their lips cover them;

- 10 Let burning coals fall upon them;
Let them be cast into the fire,
Into deep pits, that they rise not up again.
- 11 Let not a slanderer be established in the earth;
Let evil hunt the violent man to overthrow him.”
- 12 I know that the LORD will maintain
The cause of the afflicted,
And justice for the poor.
- 13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name;
The upright shall dwell in Your presence.