

Psalm 35

New King James Version (NKJV)

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A Psalm of David.

1 Plead my cause, O LORD, with those who strive with me;

Fight against those who fight against me. 2 Take hold of shield and buckler,

And stand up for my help. 3 Also draw out the spear,

And stop those who pursue me. Say to my soul, "I am your salvation."

4 Let those be put to shame and brought to dishonor Who seek after my life;

Let those be turned back and brought to confusion Who plot my hurt.

5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, And let the angel of the LORD chase them.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery,

And let the angel of the LORD pursue them.

7 For without cause they have hidden their net for me in a pit,

Which they have dug without cause for my life.

8 Let destruction come upon him unexpectedly,

And let his net that he has hidden catch himself; Into that very destruction let him fall.

9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD; It shall rejoice in His salvation.

10 All my bones shall say,

“LORD, who is like You,

Delivering the poor from him who is too strong for

him,

Yes, the poor and the needy from him who plunders

him?”

11 Fierce witnesses rise up;

They ask me things that I do not know.

12 They reward me evil for good, To the sorrow
of my soul.

13 But as for me, when they were sick,
My clothing was sackcloth;
I humbled myself with fasting;
And my prayer would return to my own heart.

14 I paced about as though he were my friend or
brother; I bowed down heavily, as one who
mourns for his
mother.

15 But in my adversity they rejoiced And
gathered together; Attackers gathered against
me, And I did not know it;

They tore at me and did not cease; 16 With
ungodly mockers at feasts

They gnashed at me with their teeth.

17 Lord, how long will You look on? Rescue
me from their destructions,

My precious life from the lions.

18 I will give You thanks in the great assembly;
I will praise You among many people.

19 Let them not rejoice over me who are
wrongfully my enemies;

Nor let them wink with the eye who hate me
without a cause.

20 For they do not speak peace,
But they devise deceitful matters Against the
quiet ones in the land.

21 They also opened their mouth wide against
me, And said, “Aha, aha!
Our eyes have seen it.”

22 This You have seen, O LORD; Do not keep
silence.

O Lord, do not be far from me.

23 Stir up Yourself, and awake to my
vindication, To my cause, my God and my
Lord.

24 Vindicate me, O LORD my God, according

to Your righteousness;

And let them not rejoice over me.

25 Let them not say in their hearts, “Ah, so we would have

it!”

Let them not say, “We have swallowed him up.”

26 Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion
Who rejoice at my hurt;

Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor

Who exalt themselves against me.

27 Let them shout for joy and be glad,

Who favor my righteous cause;

And let them say continually,

“Let the LORD be magnified,

Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.”

28 And my tongue shall speak of Your
righteousness And of Your praise all the day
long.

