

## PSALM 31

- <sup>1</sup> For the end, A Psalm of David, *an utterance* of extreme fear.  
O Lord, I have hoped in You; let me never be ashamed; deliver me in Your righteousness and rescue me.
- <sup>2</sup> Incline Your ear to me; make haste to rescue me; be to me my protecting God, and a fortress of defense to save me.
- <sup>3</sup> For You are my strength and my refuge; and You shall guide me for Your name's sake, and maintain me.
- <sup>4</sup> You shall bring me out of the snare which they have hidden for me; for You, O Lord, are my defender.
- <sup>5</sup> Into Your hands I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.
- <sup>6</sup> You have hated them that idly persist in vanities; but I have hoped in the Lord.
- <sup>7</sup> I will exalt and be glad in Your mercy; for You have looked upon my affliction; You have saved my soul from distresses.
- <sup>8</sup> And You have not shut me up into the hands of the enemy; You have set my feet in a wide place.
- <sup>9</sup> Pity me, O Lord, for I am afflicted; my eye is troubled with indignation, my soul and my belly.
- <sup>10</sup> For my life is spent with grief, and my years with groanings; my strength has been weakened through poverty, and my bones are troubled.
- <sup>11</sup> I became a reproach among all my enemies, but exceedingly so to my neighbors, and a fear to my acquaintances; they that saw me outside fled from me.
- <sup>12</sup> I have been forgotten as a dead man out of mind; I have become as a broken vessel.
- <sup>13</sup> For I heard the slander of many that dwelt round about; when they were gathered together against me, they took counsel to take my life.
- <sup>14</sup> But I hoped in You, O Lord; I said, "You are my God."
- <sup>15</sup> My times are in Your hands; deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
- <sup>16</sup> and from them that persecute me. Make Your face to shine upon Your servant; save me in Your mercy.
- <sup>17</sup> O Lord, let me not be ashamed, for I have called upon You; let the ungodly be ashamed, and brought down to Hades.
- <sup>18</sup> Let the deceitful lips become dumb, which speak iniquity against the righteous with pride and scorn.
- <sup>19</sup> How abundant is the multitude of Your goodness, O Lord, which You have laid up for them that fear You! You have wrought *it* out for them that hope on You, in the presence of the sons of men.
- <sup>20</sup> You will hide them in the secret of Your presence from the plots of man; You will screen them in a tabernacle from the strife of tongues.
- <sup>21</sup> Blessed *be* the Lord, for He has magnified His mercy in a fortified city. <sup>22</sup> But I said in my extreme fear, "I am cast out from the sight of Your eyes"; therefore You listened, O Lord, to the voice of my supplication when I cried to You.
- <sup>23</sup> Love the Lord, all you His saints; for the Lord seeks *those that are* truthful, and He recompenses them that deal very proudly.

<sup>24</sup> Be of good courage, and let your heart be strengthened, all you that hope in the Lord.