

PSALM 55

- ¹ For the end, among Hymns of instruction by David.
Listen, O God, to my prayer; and do not disregard my supplication.
- ² Attend to me, and give heed to me; I was grieved in my meditation, and troubled;
- ³ because of the voice of the enemy, and because of the oppression of the sinner; for they brought iniquity against me, and were wrathfully angry with me.
- ⁴ My heart was troubled within me; and the fear of death fell upon me.
- ⁵ Fear and trembling came upon me, and darkness covered me.
- ⁶ And I said, "O, that I had wings as *those* of a dove! Then would I fly away, and be at rest."
- ⁷ Lo! I have fled afar off, and lodged in the wilderness. Selah.
- ⁸ I waited for Him that would deliver me from my distressed spirit, and from the tempest.
- ⁹ Destroy, O LORD, and divide their tongues, for I have seen iniquity and gainsaying in the city.
- ¹⁰ Day and night he shall go round about it upon its walls; iniquity and sorrow and unrighteousness *are* in the midst of it;
- ¹¹ and usury and craft have not failed from its streets.
- ¹² For if an enemy had reproached me, I would have endured it; and if one who hated *me* had spoken vauntingly against me, I would have hid myself from him.
- ¹³ But you, O like-minded man, my guide, and my acquaintance,
- ¹⁴ who in companionship with me sweetened *our* food; we walked in the house of God in concord.
- ¹⁵ Let death come upon them, and let them go down alive into Hades, for iniquity is in their dwellings, in the midst of them.
- ¹⁶ I cried to God, and the Lord hearkened to me.
- ¹⁷ Evening and morning and at noon I will declare and make known *my needs*; and He shall hear my voice.
- ¹⁸ He shall deliver my soul in peace from them that draw near to me; for they were with me in many *cases*.
- ¹⁹ God shall hear, and bring them low, *even* He that has existed from eternity. Selah. For they suffer no recourse, and *therefore* they have not feared God. ²⁰ He has reached forth his hand for retribution; they have profaned His covenant.
- ²¹ They were scattered at the anger of His countenance, and his heart drew near to them. His words were smoother than oil, yet they are darts.
- ²² Cast your cares upon the Lord, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.
- ²³ But You, O God, shall bring them down to the pit of destruction; bloody and crafty men shall not live out half their days; but I will hope in You, O Lord.