

## Psalm 17

## A Prayer of David

King James Version (KJV)

**17** Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips. (feigned= pretend or act)

<sup>2</sup>Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal. (Judgment from God, not man)

<sup>3</sup>Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

<sup>4</sup>Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.

<sup>5</sup>Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. (in thy paths- doing it in God's will, not David's)

<sup>6</sup>I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.

<sup>7</sup>Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them.

<sup>8</sup>Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings, (apple of the eye= pupil of the eye) ref-> Deuteronomy-32:10, Zechariah-2:18

<sup>9</sup>From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about. (my deadly enemies- foes of my soul. In the Hebrew manuscripts)

<sup>10</sup>They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly. (inclosed in their own fat- self-centered, no compassion for anyone else)

<sup>11</sup>They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth; (bowing down to the earth – a Hebraism meaning – they want to see our demise)

<sup>12</sup>Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.

<sup>13</sup> Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword: **Revelation-1->16 (The sword of Jesus is His word)**

<sup>14</sup> From men which are thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes. **(If the world is your heaven, it is all you'll get. So be satisfied with it)**

<sup>15</sup> As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness. **(David's treasure will be with God)**

*To the chief musician*