

35:1 Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me;
Fight against those who fight against me.

35:2 Take hold of buckler and shield And rise up for my help.

35:3 Draw also the spear and the battle-axe to meet those
who pursue me; Say to my soul, "I am your salvation."

35:4 Let those be ashamed and dishonored who seek my
life; Let those be turned back and humiliated who
devise evil against me.

35:5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, With the angel of
the LORD driving them on.

35:6 Let their way be dark and slippery, With the angel of the
LORD pursuing them.

35:7 For without cause they hid their net for me; Without
cause they dug a pit for my soul.

35:8 Let destruction come upon him unawares, And let the
net which he hid catch himself; Into that very
destruction let him fall.

35:9 ¶ And my soul shall rejoice in the LORD; It shall exult
in His salvation.

35:10 All my bones will say, " LORD, who is like You, Who
delivers the afflicted from him who is too strong for him,
And the afflicted and the needy from him who robs
him?"

35:11 Malicious witnesses rise up; They ask me of things
that I do not know.

35:12 They repay me evil for good, To the bereavement of
my soul.

35:13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was
sackcloth; I humbled my soul with fasting, And my

prayer kept returning to my bosom.

35:14 I went about as though it were my friend or brother; I bowed down mourning, as one who sorrows for a mother.

35:15 But at my stumbling they rejoiced and gathered themselves together; The smiters whom I did not know gathered together against me, They slandered me without ceasing.

35:16 Like godless jesters at a feast, They gnashed at me with their teeth.

35:17 ¶ Lord, how long will You look on? Rescue my soul from their ravages, My only life from the lions.

35:18 I will give You thanks in the great congregation; I will praise You among a mighty throng.

35:19 Do not let those who are wrongfully my enemies rejoice over me; Nor let those who hate me without cause wink maliciously.

35:20 For they do not speak peace, But they devise deceitful words against those who are quiet in the land.

35:21 They opened their mouth wide against me; They said, "Aha, aha, our eyes have seen it!"

35:22 ¶ You have seen it, O LORD, do not keep silent; O Lord, do not be far from me.

35:23 Stir up Yourself, and awake to my right And to my cause, my God and my Lord.

35:24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to Your righteousness, And do not let them rejoice over me.

35:25 Do not let them say in their heart, "Aha, our desire!" Do not let them say, "We have swallowed him up!"

35:26 Let those be ashamed and humiliated altogether who rejoice at my distress; Let those be clothed with shame and dishonor who magnify themselves over me.

35:27 ¶ Let them shout for joy and rejoice, who favor my vindication; And let them say continually, "The LORD be magnified, Who delights in the prosperity of His servant."

35:28 And my tongue shall declare Your righteousness And Your praise all day long.

109:1 O God of my praise, Do not be silent!
109:2 For they have opened the wicked and deceitful mouth
against me; They have spoken against me with a lying
tongue.
109:3 They have also surrounded me with words of hatred,
And fought against me without cause.
109:4 In return for my love they act as my accusers; But I
am in prayer.
109:5 Thus they have repaid me evil for good And hatred for
my love.
109:6 ¶ Appoint a wicked man over him, And let an accuser
stand at his right hand.
109:7 When he is judged, let him come forth guilty, And let
his prayer become sin.
109:8 Let his days be few; Let another take his office.
109:9 Let his children be fatherless And his wife a widow.
109:10 Let his children wander about and beg; And let them
seek sustenance far from their ruined homes.
109:11 Let the creditor seize all that he has, And let
strangers plunder the product of his labor.
109:12 Let there be none to extend lovingkindness to him,
Nor any to be gracious to his fatherless children.
109:13 Let his posterity be cut off; In a following generation
let their name be blotted out.
109:14 ¶ Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered
before the LORD, And do not let the sin of his mother
be blotted out.
109:15 Let them be before the LORD continually, That He
may cut off their memory from the earth;

109:16 Because he did not remember to show
lovingkindness, But persecuted the afflicted and needy
man, And the despondent in heart, to put them to death.

109:17 He also loved cursing, so it came to him; And he did
not delight in blessing, so it was far from him.

109:18 But he clothed himself with cursing as with his
garment, And it entered into his body like water And like
oil into his bones.

109:19 Let it be to him as a garment with which he covers
himself, And for a belt with which he constantly girds
himself.

109:20 Let this be the reward of my accusers from the
LORD, And of those who speak evil against my soul.

109:21 ¶ But You, O LORD, the Lord, deal kindly with me for
Your name's sake; Because Your lovingkindness is
good, deliver me;

109:22 For I am afflicted and needy, And my heart is
wounded within me.

109:23 I am passing like a shadow when it lengthens; I am
shaken off like the locust.

109:24 My knees are weak from fasting, And my flesh has
grown lean, without fatness.

109:25 I also have become a reproach to them; When they
see me, they wag their head.

109:26 ¶ Help me, O LORD my God; Save me according to
Your lovingkindness.

109:27 And let them know that this is Your hand; You,
LORD, have done it.

109:28 Let them curse, but You bless; When they arise,

they shall be ashamed, But Your servant shall be glad.
109:29 Let my accusers be clothed with dishonor, And let
them cover themselves with their own shame as with a
robe.
109:30 ¶ With my mouth I will give thanks abundantly to the
LORD; And in the midst of many I will praise Him.
109:31 For He stands at the right hand of the needy, To
save him from those who judge his soul.

137:1 By the rivers of Babylon, There we sat down and wept,
When we remembered Zion.

137:2 Upon the willows in the midst of it We hung our harps.

137:3 For there our captors demanded of us songs, And our
tormentors mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of
Zion."

137:4 ¶ How can we sing the LORD's song In a foreign
land?

137:5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, May my right hand forget
her skill.

137:6 May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth If I do not
remember you, If I do not exalt Jerusalem Above my
chief joy.

137:7 ¶ Remember, O LORD, against the sons of Edom The
day of Jerusalem, Who said, "Raze it, raze it To its very
foundation."

137:8 O daughter of Babylon, you devastated one, How
blessed will be the one who repays you With the
recompense with which you have repaid us.

137:9 How blessed will be the one who seizes and dashes
your little ones Against the rock.