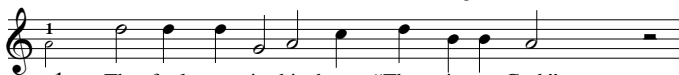


PSALM 53

For the director of music. According to mahalath. A maskil of David.

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1. The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."
 They are cor-rupt, their hor-rid deeds they cher-ish;
 not one of them does good, while just men per-ish.
 None calls up-on the LORD, none sings His laud
 or fears His rod.

2. The *LORD* looks down from heaven's holy throne
 to see if anyone has understanding.
 Not one seeks God, but wickedness intending,
 the sons of men, to sin and evil prone,
 His law disown.
3. Will evildoers never understand?
 As they would eat their bread, they are devouring
 my helpless people. God they are ignoring;
 they do not pray, but evil they have planned
 throughout the land.
4. See how they trembled, overwhelmed with fear;
 they panicked and their terror was unbounded.
 Their bones God scattered; they were left confounded,
 for He despised them. Foes may boast and jeer,
 but God does hear.

5. *O Israel, you people of God's choice,
that out of Zion might come your salvation!
When God restores the fortunes of His nation,
let Jacob sing and Israel rejoice
with happy voice.*