

PSALM 4

For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A psalm of David.

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1. O right-ous God of my sal-va-tion,
 be mer-ci-ful and hear my plea!
 In times of trou-ble or op-pres-sion
 You sent me help and con-so-la-tion.
 Be gra-cious now and an-swer me!
 How long, O men, will you bring sor-row
 and turn my hon-our in-to shame?
 How long yet will you love and fol-low
 lies and de-lu-sions, vain and hol-low?
 How long will you re-vile my name?

2. Know that the LORD in His good pleasure has set the righteous ones apart:
He claims them as His own, His treasure.
In mercy great beyond all measure,
He takes my misery to heart.
Do not let wrath breed sin and violence.
Restrain your anger and be still;
lie down to meditate in silence.
Place in the LORD your sole reliance.
Bring Him right offerings. Do His will.

3. So many sigh, "O who will ever show any good to us again?"
O LORD whose mercy fails us never,
bestow on us Your love and favour,
and cause Your face on us to shine.
More joy and gladness You have sent me
than all the joy of those who feast
on grain and wine in days of plenty.
LORD, in the safety that You grant me,
I sleep in peace, from cares released.