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A Psalm of Asaph.

<sup>1</sup> **T**RULY God *is* good to Israel, *even* to such as are of a clean heart.

<sup>2</sup> But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.

<sup>3</sup> For I was envious at the foolish, *when* I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

<sup>4</sup> For *there are* no bands in their death: but their strength *is* firm.

<sup>5</sup> They *are* not in trouble *as other* men; neither are they plagued like *other* men.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them *as* a garment.

<sup>7</sup> Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.

<sup>8</sup> They are corrupt, and speak wickedly *concerning* oppression: they speak loftily.

<sup>9</sup> They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full *cup* are wrung out to them.

<sup>11</sup> And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?

<sup>12</sup> Behold, these *are* the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase *in* riches.

<sup>13</sup> Verily I have cleansed my heart *in* vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

<sup>14</sup> For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.

<sup>15</sup> If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend *against* the generation of thy children.

<sup>16</sup> When I thought to know this, it *was* too painful for me;

<sup>17</sup> Until I went into the sanctuary of God; *then* understood I their end.

<sup>18</sup> Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

<sup>19</sup> How are they *brought* into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.

<sup>20</sup> As a dream when *one* awaketh; *so*, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

<sup>21</sup> Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.

<sup>22</sup> So foolish *was* I, and ignorant: I was *as* a beast before thee.

<sup>23</sup> Nevertheless I *am* continually with thee: thou hast holden *me* by my right hand.

<sup>24</sup> Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me *to* glory.

<sup>25</sup> Whom have I in heaven *but thee?* and *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire beside thee.

<sup>26</sup> My flesh and my heart faileth: *but* God *is* the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

<sup>27</sup> For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.

<sup>28</sup> But *it is* good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.