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A Psalm of Asaph.

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

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

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

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

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

⁶ Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them *as* a garment.

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

⁸ They are corrupt, and speak wickedly *concerning* oppression: they speak loftily.

⁹ They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

¹⁸ Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

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

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

²¹ Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.

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

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

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

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

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

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

²⁸ 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.