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A Psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup> **H**EAR my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, *and* in thy righteousness.

<sup>2</sup> And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

<sup>3</sup> For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

<sup>4</sup> Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.

<sup>5</sup> I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

<sup>6</sup> I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul *thirsteth* after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah.

<sup>7</sup> Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

<sup>8</sup> Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

<sup>9</sup> Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee

to hide me.

<sup>10</sup> Teach me to do thy will; for thou *art* my God: thy spirit *is* good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

<sup>11</sup> Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

<sup>12</sup> And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I *am* thy servant.