

God the Refuge of the Righteous

¹ O Yahweh 'El (LORD God), to whom vengeance belongs — O 'El (God), to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth!

² Rise up, O Judge of the earth; Render punishment to the proud.

³ YAHWEH (LORD), how long will the wicked, How long will the wicked triumph?

⁴ They utter speech, *and* speak insolent things; All the workers of iniquity boast in themselves.

⁵ They break in pieces Your people, O YAHWEH (LORD), And afflict Your heritage.

⁶ They slay the widow and the stranger, And murder the fatherless.

⁷ Yet they say, "Yaah (The LORD) does not see, Nor does Elohey (the God of) Jacob understand."

⁸ Understand, you senseless among the people; And *you* fools, when will you be wise?

⁹ He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see?

¹⁰ He who instructs the nations, shall He not correct, He who teaches man knowledge?

¹¹ Yahweh (The LORD) knows the thoughts of man, That they *are* futile.

¹² Blessed *is* the man whom You instruct, O YAHWEH (LORD), And teach out of Your law,

¹³ That You may give him rest from the days of adversity, Until the pit is dug for the wicked.

¹⁴ For Yahweh (the LORD) will not cast off His people, Nor will He forsake His inheritance.

¹⁵ But judgment will return to righteousness, And all the upright in heart will follow it.

¹⁶ Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

¹⁷ Unless Yahweh (the LORD) *had been* my help, My soul would soon have settled in silence.

¹⁸ If I say, "My foot slips," Your mercy, O Yahweh (LORD) , will hold me up.

¹⁹ In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul.

²⁰ Shall the throne of iniquity, which devises evil by law, Have fellowship with You?

²¹ They gather together against the life of the righteous, And condemn innocent blood.

²² But Yahweh (the LORD) has been my defense, And Elohay (my God) the rock of my refuge.

²³ He has brought on them their own iniquity, And shall cut them off in their own wickedness; Yahweh Eloheynuw (The LORD our God) shall cut them off.

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Facts Revealed:

- ☆ ·O Yahweh ‘El (LORD God), to whom vengeance belongs – O ‘El (God), to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth!
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They slay the widow and the stranger, And murder the fatherless.
Yet they say, "Yaah (The LORD) does not see, Nor does Elohey (the God of) Jacob understand." [Psalm 94:1-7]
 - ✧ The Psalmist called on Yahweh to bring vengeance upon the wicked.
 - ✧ He asked, "How Long will the wicked triumph?"
 - ✧ He described the works and words of the wicked.
- ☆ Understand, you senseless among the people; And *you* fools, when will you be wise?
He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see?
He who instructs the nations, shall He not correct, He who teaches man knowledge?
Yahweh (The LORD) knows the thoughts of man, That they *are* futile. [Psalm 94:8-11]
 - ✧ The psalmist warned the foolish wicked and explained how Yahweh knows all even the thoughts of every man.
- ☆ Blessed *is* the man whom You instruct, O YAHWEH (LORD), And teach out of Your law,
That You may give him rest from the days of adversity, Until the pit is dug for the wicked.
For Yahweh (the LORD) will not cast off His people, Nor will He forsake His inheritance.
But judgment will return to righteousness, And all the upright in heart will follow it. [Psalm 94:12-15]
 - ✧ The psalmist described the blessing that accompanies the ones who accept and follow the instructions of Yahweh.
 - ✧ The encouragement knowing that Yahweh will not cast off nor forsake His people.
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In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul. [Psalm 94:16-19]
 - ✧ Yahweh is the only one who can help the righteous against the wicked.
 - ✧ Confidence in Yahweh gives us comfort in our anxieties.
- ☆ Shall the throne of iniquity, which devises evil by law, Have fellowship with You?
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He has brought on them their own iniquity, And shall cut them off in their own wickedness; Yahweh Eloheynuw (The LORD our God) shall cut them off. [Psalm 94:20-23]
 - ✧ Wicked rulers and their evil laws are described, they have no fellowship with Yahweh.
 - ✧ Yahweh will cut them off