

## Psalm 5

**For the director of music. For pipes. A psalm of David.**

- <sup>1</sup> Listen to my words, LORD,  
consider my lament.
- <sup>2</sup> Hear my cry for help,  
my King and my God,  
for to you I pray.
- <sup>3</sup> In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice;  
in the morning I lay my requests before you  
and wait expectantly.
- <sup>4</sup> For you are not a God who is pleased with wickedness;  
with you, evil people are not welcome.
- <sup>5</sup> The arrogant cannot stand  
in your presence.  
You hate all who do wrong;
- <sup>6</sup> you destroy those who tell lies.  
The bloodthirsty and deceitful  
you, LORD, detest.
- <sup>7</sup> But I, by your great love,  
can come into your house;  
in reverence I bow down  
toward your holy temple.
- <sup>8</sup> Lead me, LORD, in your righteousness  
because of my enemies—  
make your way straight before me.
- <sup>9</sup> Not a word from their mouth can be trusted;  
their heart is filled with malice.  
Their throat is an open grave;  
with their tongues they tell lies.
- <sup>10</sup> Declare them guilty, O God!  
Let their intrigues be their downfall.  
Banish them for their many sins,  
for they have rebelled against you.
- <sup>11</sup> But let all who take refuge in you be glad;  
let them ever sing for joy.  
Spread your protection over them,  
that those who love your name may rejoice in you.
- <sup>12</sup> Surely, LORD, you bless the righteous;  
you surround them with your favour as with a shield.