

ones, in whom is all my delight.

|4| Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after other g-ds; their nesakhim (drink offerings) of dahm will I not offer, nor take up their shmot (names [*of idols*]) on my lips.

|5| Hashem is the chelek (allotted share) of mine inheritance and of my kos (cup [*of blessing*]); Thou maintainest my goral (lot, allotment by the divine will).

|6| The boundary lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly nachalah (inheritance).

|7| I will bless Hashem, Who hath given me counsel; my mind also instructs me in the night seasons.

|8| I have set Hashem always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

|9| Therefore my lev is glad, and my kavod rejoiceth; my basar also shall dwell securely [*see 1Th 5:23 OJBC*].

|10| For Thou wilt not abandon my nefesh in Sheol; neither wilt Thou allow Thine Chasid to see shachat (corruption, the pit, the grave, the abyss of corruption; *see Ac 2:24*).

|11| Thou wilt show me the Orach Chayyim (the path of life); in Thy presence is fulness of joy, at Thy right hand there are pleasures netzach (for evermore).

17 (Tefillah of Dovid) Hear the tzedek (righteous plea of a just cause), Hashem, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my tefillah, that goeth not out of lips of mirmah (deceit).

|2| Let my mishpat (right) come forth from Thy presence; let Thine eyes behold the things that are right.

|3| Thou hast probed mine lev; Thou hast visited me in the lailah; Thou hast tested me and shalt find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

|4| Concerning the works of men, by the Devar of Thy lips I have kept myself from the paths of the cruel.

|5| Uphold my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps stumble not.

|6| I have called upon Thee, for Thou wilt hear me, O El; incline Thine ear unto me, and hear my prayer.

|7| Show Thy marvellous chesed, O Thou Mosh'i'a Who saves by Thy right hand them which put their trust in Thee from those that rise up against them.

|8| Be shomer over me as the apple of Thy eye; hide me in the shadow of Thy wings,

|9| From the resha'im that oppress me, from my deadly enemies threatening my nefesh, who surround me.

|10| They have closed up callously and mercilessly against me; with their mouth they speak with ge'ut (pride).

|11| At every step they have surrounded me; their purpose is to strike down to ha'aretz; |12| Like aryeh eager to tear his prey, and like a young lion lurking in ambush.

|13| Arise, Hashem, confront him, cast him down; deliver my nefesh from the resha with Thy cherev;

|14| From men with Thy yad, Hashem, from men of the world, whose portion is in this life, and with Thy treasures Thou fillest their belly; they are satisfied with children, and leave their abundance to their babes.

|15| As for me, in tzedek I will behold Thy face; I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy temunah (form; *see Num 12:8*).

18 (For the one directing. Of Dovid Eved

Hashem who sang to Hashem the lyrics of this shirah on the day Hashem delivered him from the hand of all his oyevim and from the hand of Sha'ul; and he said)

I will love Thee, Hashem, my strength.

|2(3)| Hashem is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; Eli my Tzur (rock), in whom I take refuge; my mogen, and the keren of my salvation, and my misgav (high place as a refuge).

|3(4)| I will call upon Hashem, Who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from mine oyevim.

|4(5)| The chevlei mavet entangled me, and the floods of Belya'al terrorized me.

|5(6)| The chevlei Sheol snaked around me; the snares of mavet confronted me.

|6(7)| In my distress I called upon Hashem, and cried unto Elohai; He heard my voice out of His Heikkhal, and my cry came before Him, even into His ears.

|7(8)| Ha'aretz shook and trembled; the foundations also of the mountains quaked and were shaken, because He was angry.

|8(9)| Smoke went up from His nostrils, and eish out of His mouth devoured; coals were kindled by it.

|9(10)| He parted Shomayim, and descended, and dark clouds were under His feet.

|10(11)| And He rode upon a keruv (cherub), and did fly; yea, He soared upon the wings of the ruach.

|11(12)| He made choshech His secret place; His sukkah round about Him was dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.