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(Of Dovid) I will thank Thee with my whole lev; before the elohim will I sing praise unto Thee.

|2| I will worship toward Thy Heikhal Kodesh, and praise Shmecha (Thy Name) for Thy chesed and for Thy emes; for Thou hast magnified Thy Word above Kol Shimcha (all Thy Name; *Yn 1:1, 14 OJBC*).

|3| In the day when I called out, Thou answeredst me, and madest me bold with oz (strength) in my nefesh.

|4| Kol Malchei Aretz shall praise Thee, Hashem, when they hear the words of Thy mouth.

|5| Yes, they shall sing of the Darkhei Hashem; for gadol is the Kavod Hashem.

|6| Though Hashem be on high, yet He looks upon the lowly; but the proud He knoweth from afar.

|7| Though I walk in the midst of tzoros, Thou wilt preserve me alive; Thou shalt stretch forth Thine yad against the wrath of mine enemies, and Thy Yamin (Right Hand) shall save me.

|8| Hashem will fulfill that which concerneth me; Thy chesed, O Hashem, endureth l'olam; forsake not the works of Thine own yadayim.

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(For the one directing, Mizmor of Dovid). Hashem, Thou hast searched me, and known me.

|2| Thou knowest my downsitteing and mine uprising, Thou hast binah of my thought from afar off.

|3| Thou comprehendeth my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my drakhim.

|4| For there is not a milah (word) in my leshon, but, lo, Hashem, Thou knowest it altogether.

|5| Thou hast enclosed me achor (behind) and kedem (before), and laid Thine hand upon me.

|6| Such da'as is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

|7| To where can I go from Thy Ruach [*Hakodesh*]? Or to where shall I flee from Thy presence?

|8| If I ascend up into Shomayim, Thou art there; if I make my bed in Sheol, hinei, Thou art there.

|9| If I take the wings of the shachar (dawn), and dwell in the uttermost acharit yam (the extreme end of the sea);

|10| Even there shall Thy yad lead me, and Thy yamin shall hold me.

|11| If I say, Surely the choshech shall cover me, even the lailah shall be ohr about me.

|12| Even the choshech is not dark to Thee; but the lailah shineth as the yom; the choshech and the ohr are both alike to Thee.

|13| For Thou hast created my inmost being; Thou didst interweave me in the beten immi.

|14| I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are Thy ma'asim; and that my nefesh knoweth very well.

|15| My atzamim (bones, frame) were not hid from Thee, when I was made beseter (in secret), and skillfully wrought in the depths of the Eretz.

|16| Thine eyes did see my golem (embryo), yet being unformed; and in Thy Sefer (Book) all the yamim (days) ordained for me were written down, when as yet there were none of them.

|17| How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O El! How great is the sum of them!

|18| If I should count them, they are more in number than

the chol (sand); when I awake, I am still with Thee.

|19| Surely Thou wilt slay the rasha, O Eloah; depart from me therefore, ye anshei damim (bloodthirsty men).

|20| For they speak of Thee craftily, and it is taken lashav [*Ex 20:7*] by Thy enemies.

|21| Should not I hate them, Hashem, that hate Thee? And am not I to be at odds with those that rise up against Thee?

|22| I abhor them with complete sinah; I count them mine enemies.

|23| Search me, O El, and know my levav; test me, and know my thoughts;

|24| And see if there be any derech otzev (torturous crooked road) in me, and lead me in the Derech Olam.

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(For the one directing, Mizmor of Dovid).

Deliver me, Hashem, from adam rah; preserve me from ish chamasim (violent men); |2(3)| Which plan ra'ot (evils) in their lev; kol yom they incite milchamot (wars).

|3(4)| They have sharpened their leshonot like a nachash; the venom of a spider is under their sfatayim (lips). Selah.

|4(5)| Be shomer over me, Hashem, and keep me from the hands of the rashah; protect me from ish chamasim, whose scheme is to cause my steps to trip.

|5(6)| The ge'im (proud, arrogant ones [*of inordinate ambition*]) have hid a pach for me, and chavalim (cords, ropes); they have spread a reshet (net) close by the path; they have set mokshim (traps) for me. Selah.

|6(7)| I said unto Hashem, Thou art Eli; hear the kol tachanunai (voice of my supplications), Hashem.