

# The TanakhML Project

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King James Version  
Psalms 12-18

**12** <sup>1</sup> Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men. <sup>2</sup> They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak. <sup>3</sup> The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things: <sup>4</sup> Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us? <sup>5</sup> For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him. <sup>6</sup> The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. <sup>7</sup> Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. <sup>8</sup> The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted. **13** <sup>1</sup> How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me? <sup>2</sup> How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me? <sup>3</sup> Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death; <sup>4</sup> Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved. <sup>5</sup> But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation. <sup>6</sup> I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me. **14** <sup>1</sup> The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. <sup>2</sup> The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. <sup>3</sup> They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one. <sup>4</sup> Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD. <sup>5</sup> There were they in great fear: for God is in the generation of the righteous. <sup>6</sup> Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the LORD is his refuge. <sup>7</sup> Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad. **15** <sup>1</sup> Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? <sup>2</sup> He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. <sup>3</sup> He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. <sup>4</sup> In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. <sup>5</sup> He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved. **16** <sup>1</sup> Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust. <sup>2</sup> O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee; <sup>3</sup> But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight. <sup>4</sup> Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips. <sup>5</sup> The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. <sup>6</sup> The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage. <sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons. <sup>8</sup> I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. <sup>10</sup> For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. <sup>11</sup> Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for

evermore. **17** <sup>1</sup> Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips. <sup>2</sup> Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal. <sup>3</sup> Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress. <sup>4</sup> Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer. <sup>5</sup> Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. <sup>6</sup> I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech. <sup>7</sup> Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them. <sup>8</sup> Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings, <sup>9</sup> From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about. <sup>10</sup> They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly. <sup>11</sup> They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth; <sup>12</sup> Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places. <sup>13</sup> Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword: <sup>14</sup> From men which are thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes. <sup>15</sup> As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness. **18** <sup>1</sup> I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. <sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. <sup>3</sup> I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies. <sup>4</sup> The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. <sup>5</sup> The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me. <sup>6</sup> In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears. <sup>7</sup> Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth. <sup>8</sup> There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it. <sup>9</sup> He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet. <sup>10</sup> And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind. <sup>11</sup> He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies. <sup>12</sup> At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire. <sup>13</sup> The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire. <sup>14</sup> Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them. <sup>15</sup> Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils. <sup>16</sup> He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters. <sup>17</sup> He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me. <sup>18</sup> They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay. <sup>19</sup> He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me. <sup>20</sup> The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me. <sup>21</sup> For I have kept the ways of the

LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God. <sup>22</sup> For all his judgments were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me. <sup>23</sup> I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity. <sup>24</sup> Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight. <sup>25</sup> With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright; <sup>26</sup> With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward. <sup>27</sup> For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks. <sup>28</sup> For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness. <sup>29</sup> For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall. <sup>30</sup> As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him. <sup>31</sup> For who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God? <sup>32</sup> It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect. <sup>33</sup> He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my high places. <sup>34</sup> He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms. <sup>35</sup> Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great. <sup>36</sup> Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip. <sup>37</sup> I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed. <sup>38</sup> I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet. <sup>39</sup> For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me. <sup>40</sup> Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me. <sup>41</sup> They cried, but there was none to save them: even unto the LORD, but he answered them not. <sup>42</sup> Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets. <sup>43</sup> Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people whom I have not known shall serve me. <sup>44</sup> As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me. <sup>45</sup> The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places. <sup>46</sup> The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted. <sup>47</sup> It is God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me. <sup>48</sup> He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man. <sup>49</sup> Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name. <sup>50</sup> Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.

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