

# Psalms 17

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## Hear a Just Cause, O Lord

- <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.
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- <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,
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- <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.



- 11 They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth;
- 12 Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.
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- 13 Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword:
- 14 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.
- 15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.
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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

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### Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יהוה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

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### Righteous — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַדִּיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צֶדֶק), meaning righteousness or justice.

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### Save — יָשָׁע (Yasha)

To save, deliver, rescue

The Hebrew **yasha** (יָשָׁע) means to save or deliver—rescue from danger or distress. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.' God alone is Savior: 'I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour' (Isaiah 43:11).

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**Word** — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

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**CROSS REFERENCES**


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**Psalms 17:1**

**Parallel theme:** Psalms 18:44; 142:6; Matthew 15:8; 1 John 3:21. **Prayer:** Psalms 61:1.

**References Lord:** Psalms 7:8; 86:1; 140:12; 145:18; Isaiah 29:13

**Psalms 17:2** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 37:6; 37:33; Ezekiel 18:25; 18:29; 33:17; 33:20; Jude 1:24

**Psalms 17:3**

**Parallel theme:** Psalms 11:5; 16:7; 26:2; 39:1; 66:10; 119:106; 139:1; Job 23:10; Acts 11:23; 1 Peter 1:7

**Psalms 17:4** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 4:7; 4:10; 1 Corinthians 3:3; 1 Peter 5:8. **Word:** Matthew 4:4; John 17:17; Ephesians 6:17; James 1:18; Revelation 12:11

**Psalms 17:5** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 18:36; 38:16; 44:18; 94:18; 119:133; 121:3; 121:7; 1 Samuel 2:9; Job 23:11; Jeremiah 10:23

**Psalms 17:6**

**Parallel theme:** Psalms 86:7; 88:2; 116:2. **References God:** Psalms 55:16; Isaiah 37:17; 37:20

**Psalms 17:7**

**Salvation:** Psalms 20:6; 44:3; 60:5; 2 Kings 19:34. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 31:21; Exodus 15:6; 2 Kings 19:22; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Isaiah 41:10; Acts 2:33

**Psalms 17:8** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 36:7; 57:1; 61:4; 91:1; 91:4; Deuteronomy 32:10; Ruth 2:12; Proverbs 7:2; Zechariah 2:8; Luke 13:34

**Psalms 17:9** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 35:4; 35:7



**Psalms 17:10** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 31:18; 119:70; 123:4; Exodus 15:9; 1 Samuel 2:3; Job 15:27; Isaiah 6:10; Matthew 13:15; Acts 28:27; 2 Peter 2:18

**Psalms 17:11** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 37:14

**Psalms 17:12** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 7:2; 10:9. **Kingdom:** 1 Peter 5:8

**Psalms 17:13** **Resurrection:** Psalms 3:7; 7:6; 44:23; 44:26

**Psalms 17:14** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 39:6; 73:12; Job 12:6; 21:21; 22:18; Luke 16:25; John 17:14; James 5:5. **References Lord:** Job 12:9; Luke 16:8

**Psalms 17:15** **Righteousness:** Psalms 11:7; Matthew 5:6. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 16:11; 65:4; Numbers 12:8; Joshua 24:15; Isaiah 26:19; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Philippians 3:21; Revelation 21:23

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