



The Story of Israel through the Psalms

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¹ Surely God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.
² But as for me, my feet had almost slipped;
I had nearly lost my foothold.
³ For I envied the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
⁴ They have no struggles;
their bodies are healthy and strong.
⁵ They are free from common human
burdens;
they are not plagued by human ills.

⁶ Therefore pride is their necklace;
they clothe themselves with violence.
⁷ From their callous hearts comes iniquity;
their evil imaginations have no limits.
⁸ They scoff, and speak with malice;
with arrogance they threaten
oppression.
⁹ Their mouths lay claim to heaven,
and their tongues take possession of the
earth.
¹⁰ Therefore their people turn to them
and drink up waters in abundance.

¹¹ They say, "How would God know?
Does the Most High know anything?"
¹² This is what the wicked are like—
always free of care, they go on amassing
wealth.
¹³ Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure
and have washed my hands in
innocence.
¹⁴ All day long I have been afflicted,
and every morning brings new
punishments.


¹⁵ If I had spoken out like that,
I would have betrayed your children.
¹⁶ When I tried to understand all this,
it troubled me deeply
¹⁷ **till I entered the sanctuary of God;**
then I understood their final destiny.
¹⁸ Surely you place them on slippery
ground;
you cast them down to ruin.
¹⁹ How suddenly are they destroyed,
completely swept away by terrors!

²⁰ They are like a dream when one awakes;
 when you arise, Lord,
 you will despise them as fantasies.
²¹ When my heart was grieved
 and my spirit embittered,
²² I was senseless and ignorant;
 I was a brute beast before you.
²³ Yet I am always with you;
 you hold me by my right hand.
²⁴ You guide me with your counsel,
 and afterward you will take me into glory.


²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you?
 And earth has nothing I desire besides you.
²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail,
 but God is the strength of my heart
 and my portion forever.
²⁷ Those who are far from you will perish;
 you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.
²⁸ But as for me, it is good to be near God.
 I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge;
 I will tell of all your deeds.

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Video song
 “We are joined by
 angels”



Video song
 “This is the air I
 breathe”



Video song
 “Creation calls”
 (No lyrics)

