







2 Yet thou, O Lord, art ever just, Relieving those, who in thee trust; Therefore shalt Israel raise To thee, continual Praise: On Thee our ancestors relied, And in thy strength their foes divide; To thee their pray ers addressed, And with success were blessed.

3 Thy sure deliv erance, Lord, they found, When dangers gathered thickest round; Thine ears their cries receiv ed, And they were soon relieved; But I, like none of human birth, Am made the scoffing rabble's mirth; Even like a reptile base, They hold me in disgrace.

4 My agonies, the gazing crowd, Survey with scorn and laughter loud, They mock while I complain, And thus my woes disdain: "He boasted, he was heaven's delight, "Let God relieve his favorite;

"Let Him assistance send,

For Thou wert still my guide.

"His Serv ant to defend.

5 But Thou didst from my mother's womb, Make me a liv ing offspring come; Thy care thou didst extend, Me helpless to defend: My youth Thou didst from danger shield, And guardian-like protection yield; In Thee I will confide,

6 Withdraw not then, O God, Most high!
Thy aid, when trouble is so nigh:
Do Thou that help extend,
On which I still depend.
High-pamper'd bulls, a frowning throng,
From Bashan's forest, fierce and strong,
Prepare with growing tage,
Against me to engage.

7 They gape on me, and to my fears, Each mouth, a y awning grave appears; Wide open to dev our My soul, when in their power: The desert lion's sav age roar, Could not increase my horrors more. In compact close combined, They have my fall design'd.

8 My joints are racked, and out of frame; My heart like wax before the flame. Within my bosom glows; My blood like water flows: My strength is parched like potter's clay, My faltering tongue forgets to play; My soul all hope resigns, And to the grave declines.

9 Like bloodhounds, they assembled round, My harmless hands and feet they wound; And through my constant pain, Ilanguish and complain; That all my bones may well be told; Yet this as pastime they behold. And still their pleasure show, At each increase of woe. 10 As spoil, my garments they divide: By lots their portions they decide; Therefore Thy arm ex tend, And kind protection send. From their sharp sword defend Thou me, And let my life from danger free; Nor leav e my soul overpowered, By dogs to be dev oured.

11 To me, o god! Assistance send, My life from lions fierce defend; As once Thy strength prev ailed, When unicorns assailed, Then to my brethren I'll proclaim The triumphs of Thy holy name; And to the saints repair, Thy glory to declare.

12 "Praise y e the lord in songs div ine,
"y e numerous race of Israel's line;
"to him with ferv or pray,
"and low obeisance pay:
"his people he hath ne'er disdained,
"or turned his face when they complained;
"but to their humble pray er,
"doth lend a gracious ear.

13 Thus in Thy courts, Thy name I'll bless, And in loud songs my thanks express; And to Thy saints declare, Thy providential care. The meek companions of my grief, Shall at my table find relief; And all who seek Thy face, Shall find refreshing grace. 14 Then shall the world their homage pay, To God, and His commands obey; His power they shall confess, And pray ers to him address. From kings submission to receive, In his supreme prerogative, Who doth the worlds sustain; And over all things reign.

15 The rich his bounty must confess, The poor their generous patron bless; To him they all resort, For succor and support: Then shall a race exalt his name, And to their heirs his truth proclaim, Till heav en and earth combined, Are all to god resigned